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NEW TOLL RATES ON TURNPIKE SYSTEM TAKE EFFECT OCTOBER 22
HOOKSETT, BEDFORD, DOVER, ROCHESTER AND HAMPTON TOLL PLAZAS

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces new toll rates will take effect at several toll plazas on the New Hampshire Turnpike System, effective at 12:00:01 AM on Monday, October 22, 2007.

The toll rate increase was approved by the Executive Council earlier this month for all classifications of vehicles. Passenger vehicles will increase 25 cents per vehicle at the Hooksett and Bedford mainline plazas on the Everett Turnpike, the Dover and Rochester Tolls on the Spaulding Turnpike, and the Hampton Side Toll on the Blue Star Turnpike. The Hampton mainline facility on Interstate 95 (Blue Star Turnpike) will increase 50 cents per vehicle. Toll rate increases will vary for multiple axle vehicles.

The toll rate increases for passenger vehicles:

Hooksett Toll -	from 75 cents to \$1.00
Bedford Toll -	from 75 cents to \$1.00
Dover Toll -	from 50 cents to 75 cents
Rochester Toll -	from 50 cents to 75 cents
Hampton Main Toll -	from \$1.00 to \$1.50
Hampton Side Toll -	from 50 cents to 75 cents

Electronic message signs are being used at the affected toll plazas to alert motorists of the pending toll increase. The exact change baskets have been removed from the Hooksett Toll and will be removed at the Bedford Toll. Motorists passing through all toll facilities are encouraged to pay with the correct toll fare to save time.

There is no change in the E-ZPass discount rate for New Hampshire private account holders, which is 30%, or for business account holders, which is 10%.

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